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NATURE OF CALL: Search and Rescue
LOCATION OF CALL: Paige Meadows area, Tahoe City
CASE NUMBER: SO-01-1611
RELEASED BY: Sergeant Bill Langton

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On Friday evening, January 26th, 2001 at approximately 5:45 pm, the Placer County Sheriff's Department's North Tahoe 9-1-1 Dispatch Center received a cellular telephone call from three cross country skiers who were lost in the Paige Meadows area, near Tahoe City. The three advised that they had gone cross county skiing earlier in the afternoon to Paige Meadows. As they headed back towards their vehicle, which was parked in the Talmont subdivision, they became disoriented and realized that they were lost.

Sheriff's Department personnel along with members of the Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team responded to the trailhead in Talmont and launched a hasty search with three snowmobiles. The missing skiers, Cheryl McBain, 44 years old, of Richmond, California, Nancy Conover, 42 years old, of Oakland and Jennifer Smith, 47 years old, of Berkeley, along with their dog were located approximately 10 minutes into the search. All were in good spirits and health. They were transported out to their vehicle on snowmobiles.

It should be noted that they did everything exactly right to aid in their well being and eventual rescue. They set out with proper clothing and equipment, took food and water as well as a cellular telephone. When they realized they were lost, they stayed put and telephoned for help.

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